

**METHODS FOR PREPARING COATED DRUG PARTICLES
AND PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATIONS THEREOF**

ABSTRACT

Coated drug particles and a method using pulsed laser ablation to prepare the same. The
5 coated drug particles have nanometeric coatings onto core drug particles of micron size. Coatings
are preferably biodegradable or biocompatible polymer coatings having controlled thickness and
controlled coating uniformity, and provide superior pharmaceutical properties for controlled delivery
and increased bioavailability of drugs.

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